

Front & Center

at the Michigan Historical Center

Michigan Historical Center Foundation Receives Kellogg Foundation Grant

The Michigan Historical Center Foundation announced it has received a \$165,000 grant from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation to build its capacity to cultivate private-sector support for the Michigan Historical Center's programs.

"To further our mission of helping people discover, enjoy and find inspiration in Michigan's heritage—despite tough economic times—we need to focus on partnering with organizations and individuals in the private sector," said Patricia Clark, director of the Michigan Historical Center Foundation. "Thanks to this grant from the Kellogg Foundation, we will now have the tools to help us build support for the Michigan Historical Center programs that benefit so many Michigan residents."

The three-year grant will help the Foundation make the transition to a fully staffed, sustainable development office.

Clark said that a development office dedicated to diversifying and strengthening MHC Foundation funding sources will help the Michigan Historical Center implement its strategy to provide innovative education to Michigan students, serve more diverse audiences, strengthen Michigan communities, expand heritage tourism and become more entrepreneurial.



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February 17

Enjoy a Snowshoe Hike Admire Michigan's old-growth white pine forest under a blanket of deep snow! Hartwick Pines Logging Museum, Grayling. 1 to 3 P.M.

February 19

The Michigan Library and Historical Center will be **CLOSED** for Presidents' Day.



February 20

Future Historians Meeting Michigan Historical Museum, Lansing. 4:30 to 5:30 P.M.



February 24

Cross-Country Ski by Lantern Light Hartwick Pines Logging Museum, Grayling. 6 to 9 P.M.

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Boogie for Your Badge Junior Girl Scouts can earn the Dance badge. To register, call (517) 241-4060. Michigan Historical Museum, Lansing. 10 A.M. to 3 P.M.

March 3

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March 6

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March 12

Friends of Michigan History Meeting Michigan Library and Historical Center, Lansing. 10 A.M.



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Maple Syrup Day Learn about North America's oldest agricultural product, Hartwick Pines Logging Museum, Grayling. 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

March 29

Michigan Historical Commission Meeting Michigan Library and Historical Center, Lansing. 1 P.M.

Ongoing Events

What Is Work? Kids-Only Photo Exhibition
Open to Michigan youth ages 10 to 18. Submit entries by March 15, 2007, for a chance to have work displayed at the Michigan Library and Historical Center, Lansing.

February 1 – June 17 **Working America: Photographs from the Ewing Galloway Agency, 1910–1950**
Michigan Historical Museum, Lansing.

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For information, hours of operation and online exhibits visit www.michiganhistory.org.

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Fun for all at the Jingle Ball!

Nearly 250 guests attended a spectacular evening celebrating three outstanding Michigan history teachers at the Jingle Ball on November 18, 2006. This signature fundraising event supports Michigan history education programs at the Michigan Historical Center. When guests arrived on the red carpet at the state museum they were greeted by local celebrities amidst holiday festivities, a rousing live auction, a variety of delectable fare and a packed dance floor. "If you couldn't make it out to this year's Ball, you missed out on the biggest night for the Michigan Historical Center. This event just continues to get better with every passing year," said Patricia Clark, Michigan Historical Center Foundation director.



Stephanie Dukas, Pine Tree Elementary, Lake Orion; John Penn, Ralya Elementary School, Haslett; Patricia Salka, Saints Peter and Paul School, Ionia

Outstanding Teachers Honored

This winter, three extraordinary elementary school teachers were awarded the prestigious Odyssey Award for their excellence in teaching Michigan history. Nominated by their peers, the winners were chosen because of their knowledge, leadership and creativity in making Michigan history come alive for their students. The award was presented by the Michigan Historical Center Foundation at the Odyssey 2006 Jingle Ball on November 18 at the Michigan Library and Historical Center in Lansing.

Stephanie Dukas has used her extensive knowledge of Michigan and education to collaborate with the Chrysler Museum in Auburn Hills to create and pilot "The Big Automotive Lesson" with her students, many of whom have special needs. She designed lessons for the program, including creating timelines, question and answer games, personalized license plates and daily journals. Students raced model cars and created trioramas based on information gathered at the museum.

John Penn invites his students to live Michigan history. For one specific project about the Civil War, Penn wrote a script for a reenactment of the Battle of Gettysburg. He and a fellow teacher recreated the battle with every student in their classes. Parents helped by making props and sewing clothes. For the final product, he worked with a television station to produce a video, complete with period music, community member interviews and the students' reenactment.

Every year, Patricia Salka's students plan for the "Michigan Mardi Gras." Each student is assigned a person, occupation or place that helped make the state great. Through their research, they prepare a report and build a float. The floats (usually on children's wagons) are presented to the entire school during a parade.

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Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Trail Under Construction



In cooperation with the city of Alpena, the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary (TBNMS) is coordinating the production and installation of twenty historic interpretive signs (see right) and kiosks for the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Trail. The trail is located along the Thunder Bay River northern shoreline within the historic Fletcher Paper Mill redevelopment complex. The signs are a component of a \$3.4 million grant from the Michigan Department of Transportation. The project will create 2,800 feet of boardwalk along the Thunder Bay River (connecting the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center to Alpena's downtown), renovate 300 feet of existing dock for tall ship use and construct a 14-foot-wide pedestrian bridge across the Thunder Bay River.

The tentative list of sign and kiosk topics includes Native American river use, early transportation history of the river, Great Lakes vessel development, sanctuary information, recreational opportunities on the river and the history of the Fletcher Paper Company.

The signs will also interpret archaeological sites within the project area, such as the remnants of historic docks and cribs. By using historic photographs of forgotten buildings along the waterfront, the signage will recreate for visitors a panoramic view of the historic waterfront.

The TBNMS is jointly managed by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Michigan Historical Center.



More to Enjoy at the Iron Industry Museum

In May 2006, the Iron Industry Museum in Negaunee completed Phase I of its *Forging Our Future* expansion: a new wing that created more space for exhibits, library and education programs.

Phase II is under way. Objectives are 1) restoring the *Yankee*, a little steam locomotive that was first used in the iron mines 2) providing direct access to US-41, and 3) building non-motorized trails that will include access to the birthplace of Michigan's iron industry, Carp River Forge.

The Michigan Iron Industry Museum is part of the Iron Ore Heritage Area group planning a 40-mile-long heritage trail that will strengthen the region's tourism economy and provide education and

recreation focused on the area's mining history. The museum will serve that larger trail system as a major interpretive hub, providing a central location for trail users to explore the iron industry, its people, their communities and their natural environment. One trail loop will lead to the Carp River Forge site where intrepid workers from Jackson produced the Upper Peninsula's first forged iron.

Whether visiting the museum or walking the trails, visitors will enjoy more parking near the museum entrance and direct access from US-41.

To learn more visit



www.michigan.gov/ironindustrymuseum

SHPO Hires Architectural Specialist for Michigan Main Street Communities

Kelly Larson has joined the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) staff as the Michigan Main Street (MMS) architect.



Larson, selected through a national search, will provide architectural design services to the 13 Michigan Main Street communities (Boyne City, Calumet, Clare, Grand Haven, Howell, Iron Mountain, Ishpeming, Lansing's Old Town, Marshall, Midland, Muskegon, Niles and Portland). Through the program, property owners and cities collaborate to rehabilitate and revive their downtowns. The SHPO and the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) jointly fund the MMS architect position and the Michigan Main Street program is administered by MSHDA.

Larson served as the program manager for the Boyne City Main Street program for the last three years. As the state's Main Street architect, she will educate the Main Street communities about good design and will provide architectural services to at least three property owners per community each year for five years. In addition, she will share information on financial incentive programs administered by both the SHPO and MSHDA for building rehabilitation projects.

A powerful economic development tool, the Main Street program works with communities to revitalize their historic or traditional commercial areas.

Remembering the Nordmeer in Alpena

On November 19, 1966, the German freighter *Nordmeer* carrying a cargo of rolled steel, ran aground on Thunder Bay Shoal north of Alpena. Some members of the crew stayed aboard, but had to be lifted off in a heroic helicopter rescue ten days later as the ship began to break up in a storm. Office of the State Archaeologist staff members Wayne Lusardi and Gina Stogran were instrumental in putting together an exhibit and program, "*Nordmeer: 40 Years*" that opened November 9, 2006, at the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center (GLMHC) in Alpena. Local residents who participated in the official salvage of the cargo, and later the fuel oil, were present.

The large exhibit photo murals and artifacts from *Nordmeer* donated by local residents will be on display in the GLMHC through Spring 2007.

For more information call (989) 356-8805.



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Civil War Flags at the Museum

The Michigan Historical Museum has completed a display window for the Michigan battle flags. A new flag will be on display every two months. This will fulfill the promise made to the regiments who gave their flags to the State: that they would be preserved and displayed. The second Michigan Volunteer Infantry Regiment flag is on display until March. The window is on the first floor of the museum in the education room and can be seen during regular museum hours.



The Arts at Fort Wayne

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is assisting a partnership between the city of Detroit, the Michigan Historic Preservation Network and the A. Philip Randolph Career and Technical Center with a \$28,500 Certified Local Government Grant to initiate a pilot building arts laboratory program.

Using Historic Fort Wayne as the laboratory, the pilot program provides an opportunity for high school seniors enrolled in Randolph Center vocational training classes to learn about traditional building trades including plastering, window restoration and masonry repair and repointing. The fifteen students currently enrolled in this pilot program spend two days a week on site with trade specialists learning techniques and completing restoration projects at Fort Wayne. The balance of the students' time is spent completing traditional core high school courses. This program provides hands-on learning experience while introducing students to one of Detroit's important historic resources. The SHPO's Certified Local Government Grant Program is funded through a federal Historic Preservation Fund grant and is matched by the local government.

Records Management Helps Local Governments

As part of its expanded services to local governments, Records Management Services has begun offering free training on basic records management. The first two workshops, held during September and October 2006 in Lansing, were attended by more than two hundred people.

In October 2006 Records Management Services conducted a webinar for school officials covering the same material that was presented in the workshops. They re-aired the program in December 2006 and January 2007. Eighty-three people participated in the webinars and, overall, evaluations were positive. One attendee stated that it "exceeded expectations."

Due to their success, additional workshops have been scheduled for May 9, 2007, in Detroit and May 16, 2007, in Lansing.

To learn more about Records Management Services programs for state and local governments or to sign up for workshops, visit www.michigan.gov/recordsmanagement, or call (517) 335-9132.

New at the Archives of Michigan

Researchers can now access a World War I index and a World War II index via the Archives of Michigan Military Sources page at www.michigan.gov/archivesofmi.

The World War I index contains names from the guest register of the Michigan Soldiers and Sailors Headquarters in New York City. The Headquarters served as a sort of "hospitality center" for Michigan servicemen. The World War II index lists the honor roll of missing and dead Michigan military personnel.

The Archives of Michigan has completed conservation and restoration work on Michigan Grand Army of the Republic post charters. The Department of Michigan, Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War provided funding for conservation supplies. The Department's Records Officer, James T. Lyons, PDC, spearheaded his organization's involvement. As an Archives of Michigan volunteer, Lyons had witnessed the documents' deterioration firsthand. Archivist Helen Taylor completed the project, with some assistance from Librarian Kevin Driedger of the Library of Michigan.

The Archives of Michigan has revamped the look and feel of its online collections Web site, with the assistance of University of Michigan student Cathie Toshach. The Archives will continue to update the entries and plans to add more digital collections in the future. The site can be viewed at <http://haldigitalcollections.cdmhost.com>.

Remembering Gerald Ford

The March/April 2007 issue of *Michigan History* will be devoted to Gerald R. Ford. Pulitzer Prize-winning author Sheryl James traces the former president's life in a heavily illustrated story. Sheryl, who has written for the magazine on numerous occasions, also attended Ford's Grand Rapids funeral on January 3, 2007, forming the basis for a second article in this same issue.

Just printed, the winter issue of *Michigan History for Kids* highlights our state's rail-roading past.

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